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SUBJECT: CITRUS PROBLEMS

REF: (A) TOFAS 821 12/11/75, (B) STATE 10260,

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING STATE REFTEL (B) ECON COUNSELOR CALLED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY (SAITO, SECOND NO AM DIVISION) TO RAISE SERIOUS PROBLEMS RESPECTING CITRUS TRADE. DRAWING ON REFTEL (A) AND (B) WE EXPLAINED TO SAITO THAT NEW MHW REGULATIONS REQUIRING FOOD IMPORTERS DECLARATINS TO INCLUDE EXTENSIVELY DETAILED DATA ON CONTENTS AND ADDITIVES WILL HAVE EFFECT OF BANNING FROM JAPAN ALL WAXES NORMALLY USED ON CITRUS. IN FACE OF THIS, JAPANESE IMPORTERS ARE CANCELLING ORDERS AND CITRUS TRADE IS SUS- PENDED. ALSO STATED THAT WE UNDERSTAND JAPANESE PROCESSORS OF DOMESTIC FRUIT WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE SIMILAR REPORTS. THEREFORE, REGULATIONS MAY BE DISCRIMINATORY BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON WAXES WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ARE BEING APPLIED IN JAPAN.

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2. WE ASKED SAITO TO INFORM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

EXACTLY WHAT REGULATIONS WILL PROVIDE. WE ALSO ASKED HIM TO GIVE US HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON WHAT SEEMS CLEARLY TO BE DISCRIMINATORY EFFECT OF NEW RULES.

3. AFTER DISCUSSING QUESTIONS WITH HIS STAFF, SAITO SAID THAT NEW REGULATIONS ARE INDEED TO BE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1 AND THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER TO OBTAIN DETAILS. HE SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LATER IN THE DAY.

4. EMBASSY AGATT IS ALSO MEETING AT MID-DAY WITH OFFICIALS OF MHW. IT APPEARS THA MHW IS NOT FULLY AWARE OF THE EXTENSIVE IMPACT THEIR NEW REGULATIONS WILL HAVE. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.
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